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FROM: HMS Division-Southeast Regional Office

SUBJECT: 2001 Fishing Year Atlantic Swordfish Landings Update as of September 30, 2001<sup>1</sup>



#### NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH

	Dressed Weight (lbs)	Quota (lbs)	Percent of Quota Taken
Directed Fishery: First Semi-Annual Season (June-Nov. 2001)			
Longline	928,337		
Rod/reel	2,577		
Harpoon	11,038		
<b>Total</b>	<b>941,952</b>	<b>2,515,669<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>37%</b>
Directed Fishery: Second Semi-Annual Season (Dec. 2001-May 2002)			
Longline	N/A		N/A
Rod/reel			
Harpoon			
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,515,669<sup>3</sup></b>	
<b>Directed Fishery Total</b>	<b>677,245</b>		
Incidental Fishery (annual quota)			
Otter Trawl	1,651		
Recreational <sup>2</sup>	n/a		
Other	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>1,324,524<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>&lt; 0.1%</b>

#### SOUTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH (annual quota)

	Landings (lbs)	Quota (lbs)	Percent Quota Taken
<b>Total</b>	0	637,129	0%

<sup>1</sup>These data are preliminary and subject to revision based on late reports, landings by incidental permit holders, and recreational landings estimates. They do not represent final landings as estimated by NMFS.

<sup>2</sup>Recreational swordfish landings are counted against the annual Incidental quota. Those estimates are not available until the end of the fishing year and therefore are not included in this report.

<sup>3</sup>These numbers reflect an August 2001 transfer of unused 1999 swordfish quota to the current fishing year.